

Thurs. Evg. 29/11

Very many thanks, my dear good friends for all that you have done, both positively & negatively - I received your valued letter this morning but must withhold this my reply until tomorrow - this being our Thanksgiving Day. I could not enclose the needed.

It is perhaps well that I was not present at the sale, or a sight of the Prod. I w^d perhaps have tempted me beyond what prudence w^d dictate.

It is probable, as you say, that even \$25 might not have brought them - Of course I am much pleased with the Rudolpher & microscope - I knew not that the former was so costly a work - Your doing as to the change of doublet for the accommodation of our friend Sprague has my entire concurrence, & as you say, very truly, ^{that} I shall have a 2 & 5-l. (of which the avg. is $3\frac{1}{2}$ l.) why I ought to be content without the 3!

There is only one point which I regret - I wish I had given you a discretionary order for the Schk. with or without the Supplement - The fact is, it has become - thanks to your Manual - a sort of necessity with me - Boott - Sartwell, & Demey all refer me to certain figs of Schk. to which I can make no reply - Now, at the rate at which it sold (188) I could have afforded

to have written to Boutt to procure me the Suppl.
which, either in hand. or on the Continent, he would
have contrived to do - or even failing that, it would
have been worth my having, so far as it goes -
However, as I suppose your settlement with the Coll.
will have been made before any letter reaches you
it is now too late to ask you to let me supersede
them in this small matter - otherwise, I should have
ventured to have done so, on the plea that it will
be of far more use to me than to the Coll. library.
Of the vols. you offer me, I have much. I am, but
shall be glad of Nuttall's genera - of course, it would
be too much to ask Mr. Harvey to bring ^{the books} on, but
if you judge it most safe, perhaps he would take
charge of the microscope - & I shall beg you, as there
were 2 sets of doublets to see with your own
sharp eyes that the right ones came on to me - viz.
 $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 5, 10 - If you think it can ride safely
with the books & plants - (for the last, by best thanks
in advance) why the express man may make
one business of it - I shall be very happy to see
& welcome Harvey - still more so, since he has
become your personal friend - My a/c. seems
to stand thus -

Microscope	\$ 17
Eudlicher	5 - (ex "Commis. 4")
Nuttall fee	65
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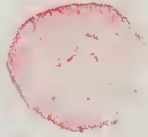
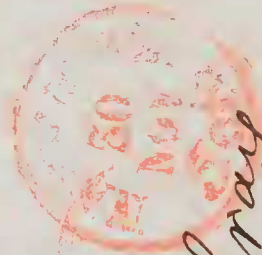
for which Am! I enclose draft of City Bk. N. Y.
your favor and City Bk. Boston

I have not included the cost of Sett. fearing I am
too late, but shall be glad to find otherwise -

I deeply regret that the dear sweetie is again
ailing - I pray my love to her, & at once admit
that I am her debtor in the matter of correspondence
I shall have much pleasure in squaring the
account when I get but a modicum of ladies
news - Our dear friends the Porreys have a party
at Princeton to-day, & are all there. I was most
kindly & pressing invited, but being rather low
& out-of-fort said no - There is another matter
in which I must use you. I must have a copy
of Tuckerman's Potamog. (Sill. Journ. Vol. 7 N. 21)
so you will please write to Dana or Mr. Brew.
to look up some extra sheets & mail it to me
volens volens, & incontinently - The truth is,
your friend Dr. Macclagan of Amherst
has sent me a package of his "doublets"
amongst which are certain Potamogela, of which
I know about as much as both a pig of Mathe-
matics, & hence the incrustations of your
"friend" have become a necessity - I see by a
letter of Boutt that he is now lichenizing with
Fries. I have the small package for you from
Macclagan - advised in my last - if you want it,
at once, send me a line with the books - if not, I
shall wait some private opportunity. Once again, accept
my best thanks & believe me, dear Ray most truly & affly, Yrs.

paid

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Amongst Gracilayan's plants is a pale-flowered Indian
which I wish to compare with *S. ochroleuca*, but find
none are representative of it except the four (*var. albiflora*)
plant I took from your garden, & on which I do not much
rely - If you have and either the wild specimen to spare
please send it with my forthcoming plants - I am, at the
same time, & try to remember to say by a
short note the specimen which you have "brought along".